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## Something New For Mother's Day

A NEW LOT OF  
**DIXIE WEAVE BELTERS**  
JUST ARRIVED AT THE BIG STORE

"They're Pippins!"

Ours are London cold water shrunk. The price as usual

**\$7.50 Up.**

Also a Genuine Palm Beach Suit

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THE LATEST THING IN CLOKS, MAROON, PURPLE AND GREEN. SOMETHING ENTIRELY DIFFERENT.

Sport Shirts for Men.

Sport Blouses for Boys.

Mahattan Shirts.

Edwin Clapp Shoes

THE BIG STORE ON THE CORNER

**Fearnside Clothing Co.**

### E. W. Watkins a Candidate.

Mr. E. W. Watkins of Putnam Hall, one of the most competent surveyors in the county, has qualified for the office of County Surveyor. People who know Mr. Watkins and of his ability as a surveyor, are sure that he will have no opposition for this important service.

### The Peniel Picnic.

The Democrats of the Peniel and Francis districts will give a big basket picnic at beautiful Silver Lake next Thursday, May 18th, and it promises to be one of the biggest things in picnics ever pulled off in that section. All the candidates have been invited and several of them will attempt to tell where they are at. Palatka will send a big delegation.

### Picnic at Hollister.

The good Baptist people of Hollister have arranged to give a basket picnic at that place on Saturday next week, May 20th. Besides the people from all the surrounding country, who are expected, all the county candidates have been invited, and there will be some political speaking. E. J. McLendon, one of the leading men of that section has written The News telling of the event, and that that Tiger McLendon is among the managers, is evidence enough that the picnic will be something. Palatka ought to be well represented.

Finest new 1915 Cane Syrup, in new Cypress barrels, also a full line of Staple and Fancy Groceries. Full weight and best quality at this store.

L. C. STEPHENS,  
628 Kirby Street.

## The Putnam National Bank of Palatka

PALATKA, FLORIDA  
Total Assets, June 10th..... \$700,000.00  
Liabilities to Depositors..... 495,000.00  
Assets over Liabilities to Depositors..... 205,000.00

According to the New York Financial Review we are the second strongest bank in Florida.  
Our Safe Deposit Boxes, double lock system, are the best make. \$3.00 per year. We solicit your banking business.

A. S. WELCH, President  
J. WILSON, Vice-President

A. S. WILLARD, Cashier  
CHAS. BURT, Asst. Cashier

## CONGRESSMAN SEARS ADDRESSES VOTERS

At Court House—Defends Vote on Child Labor

Congressman Joe Sears of Kissimmee, now serving his first term in Congress and fighting the fight of his young and heretofore calm life for a second term, spoke to an audience of perhaps 75 to a hundred men at the Putnam county court house on Wednesday evening.

Congressman Sears has perhaps been criticized more extensively and more bitterly than any of the other Florida members for his vote in opposition to the Keating-Owen Child Labor Bill, and he devoted the greater part of his speech in defense of that vote. He opposed the bill, he said for the following reasons:

First, because I do not believe it is constitutional;

Second, because I believe it is a matter which should be regulated solely by each State;

Third, because no provision is made in said bill to take care of orphan children, who are unable to provide for themselves; and

Fourth, because Florida already has in my opinion a much better law than the Keating-Owen Bill.

Congressman Sears said that since he made his speech in congress in opposition to this bill, it had been a source of great pleasure to him to note that Miss Mary S. Garrett, founder of the home for the training of deaf children before they are of school age, member of the Pennsylvania Court and Probation Association, and of the Philadelphia Juvenile Court and Probation Association, has practically endorsed the stand I took in toto. I quote from her testimony before the Senate Committee, as follows:

"There is, however, a danger not well understood by the average citizen, growing out of the strict enforcement of this law. In Illinois no child under the age of fourteen years can ever legally be employed at any faithful occupation and children between the ages of fourteen and sixteen years cannot be employed during the months when school is in session, unless a certificate is obtained from the school authorities permitting such employment. One of the results of the rather strict enforcement of this law has been to turn hundreds and thousands of bright young boys upon the streets, especially during the summer months when school is not in session. They meet in groups in alleys, play marbles, craps and engage in other games of doubtful character. Here the good boy meets the vicious boy and together they plan some escapade which usually results disastrously to both."

Mr. Sears also quoted a number of other workers in behalf of children in opposition to the bill. He made a most excellent impression. Mr. Sears is an effective speaker and at times reaches to periods of genuine eloquence.

### Dr. Fogarty Here.

Dr. J. N. Fogarty of Key West, perhaps the biggest man intellectually and forceful in the Congressional race in the Fourth Florida district, spent a part of the day Wednesday in the city. Dr. Fogarty is the present State Senator from Monroe and Lee counties, and during the last session of the Florida legislature he did not fail to leave his impress on the work of that body. He was generally regarded as the most influential man, the safest advisor in that body.

Dr. Fogarty saw a number of our citizens on his visit, and has promised to return and make an address before the end of the campaign. All who met this genial gentleman were greatly impressed with him, and there is no doubt that he will secure a large vote from this city.

### The Florahome Kickers.

Editor Palatka News: No doubt you have heard of "kickers" everywhere, but Florahome has the best bunch of kickers that you ever met. They began kicking about three weeks ago and last Friday night, May 5th, succeeding in kicking up the best entertainment ever pulled off in Florahome.

When the north bound train rolled in from Palatka, there was kicked off 20 of the finest looking candidates that offered for office. Then this bunch was kicked up to Palmetto Hall, where they kicked up the best free supper that was ever given to a bunch of candidates. Then the Florahome candidates were kicked clear out of the ring by a sudden attack of indigestion, but that didn't stop the kicking. They kicked up Mr. Walcott, who introduced in a very fitting and eloquent manner 25 of the candidates to an audience of over 200 people who had been kicked up to see and hear the candidates. Ice cream and cake were sold at a reasonable price, and \$65 was kicked up for the Methodist church; and all you can hear on the streets is congratulations and regrets that they forgot to thank the candidates and audience for their attendance, patronage and sociability. There was no graft, and nothing but good feeling, and Florahome will ever feel proud and thankful for the occasion, and if it were possible the people of the place would elect every candidate who was present. The Florahome candidate is sorry that he was kicked out, and that his opponents were not kicked in. They were kicked at but could not be reached. When he kick in future, let us kick like this—it hurts no one.

W. R. REVELS.

## PUTNAM DEMOCRATS TO HOLD BARBECUE

And Make a Great Political Festival in Palatka

On Occasion of the Visit of State and Senatorial Candidates, May 29th.

The Democracy of Putnam county is going to give the gubernatorial and senatorial candidates and other State candidates a rousing reception in Palatka on Monday, the 29th inst., and on which occasion all the people of the county are invited to come to this city and enjoy a good old-fashioned barbecue, and hear the distinguished speakers. Only the State and Senatorial candidates will speak. It will be the final wind-up, in so far as Putnam county is concerned of a long and tedious campaign—tedious alike to the people and the candidates.

The barbecue is to be held on the Burt lot, on the river front where there is plenty of shade and seats will be provided. Experienced men will be engaged to barbecue the meat and if you have never known the joys of barbecued meat you have one pleasure in store that will abide with you during your remaining days on earth. Time was when our grandfathers had these affairs frequently during political campaigns. That was in the days when the newspapers were not so numerous. It was their method of getting together and hearing discussed the political questions of the day—and eating and drinking and making merry. It was called by the politicians the hustings.

Bear this great meeting in mind. Come, and get a genuine Palatka welcome.

The ladies of the Baptist church have arranged to have an ice cream and cold drinks stand at the barbecue. The committee of arrangements will meet to-night to further the plans of the barbecue.

### Mr. Russell Makes Statement.

At a public meeting in Florahome on Friday night, May 5th, and again in his speech at the Crescent City picnic on Saturday, May 6th, Mr. W. G. Tilghman made certain statements which were so manifestly unfair and so certainly untrue that I feel that I must correct them. If after reading this statement, Mr. Tilghman continues to repeat them, I have no doubt but that the unprejudiced, fairminded people of the county will know where to place the author of the slander, and will proceed to do it.

In the speeches made by Mr. Tilghman at these places he stated that I was "the candidate of the Catholics of the county," the implication being that I had been brought out by them to defeat him.

In answer to this statement of Mr. Tilghman's I desire to say:

First, that no Catholic, individual or organization representing that church, ever said one word to me with reference to my becoming a candidate for the legislature. I was influenced to become such candidate by several gentlemen of Palatka and Putnam county, all of whom, it so happens, are prominent workers in Protestant churches and one of whom is a well known Protestant clergyman.

Second, that since becoming a candidate I have been approached by no individual Catholic, or any organization representing that church, or any of its lay or clerical societies, for the purpose of learning how I stood on any question whatsoever; that I have made no pledge to any man or set of men, the carrying out of which as a member of the Legislature, would require a violation of my solemn oath "to support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the State of Florida, so help me God."

I am a candidate for the Legislature as a Democrat, and only as a Democrat, a party whose fundamental principles are broad enough to admit to its ranks all who believe in a "government of, by and for the people," and which stands for "equal rights for all and SPECIAL PRIVILEGES TO NONE." In event of my election I shall be free to fulfill my solemn obligation as a legislator of the State of Florida, and I do not believe there is a man in Putnam county who knows me, no matter what else he may think of me, who believes that W. A. Russell would PERJURE himself in office or out of it.

A wiser and better-known man than myself has said: "No candidate who attempts to capitalize the prejudices of the people should be elected. It doesn't matter what direction the prejudice may take. If it is prejudice and a CANDIDATE PLAYS UPON AND MAGNIFIES it for the PURPOSE OF TURNING VOTES away from some certain other candidate, and turning votes to HIMSELF, he may be written down as UNWORTHY OF CONFIDENCE AND SUPPORT. We might put it even stronger, and say that a person who RESORTS TO SUCH TACTICS TO GAIN VOTES IS NOT IN THE STRICTEST SENSE HONEST." (Signed) W. A. RUSSELL.

### Snails as a Delicacy.

The French merchants of Paris first tasted snails when visiting the vineyards of Burgundy for wine. They brought the first baskets of them to Paris by coach from Auxerre. By 1850 the advent of the railroad had brought the industry to quite a development, and markets were opened up in France, Italy and Spain for snails.

## THE "GROUP" SYSTEM A CLEVER SCHEME

To Rob Voters of Freedom of Choice—How it Works in Putnam.

The last legislature enacted one vicious and most undemocratic amendment to the primary law. It is the "group" system of nominating candidates for the legislature.

In effect this "group" law says: "Where there are two to be nominated for the same office, and there are more candidates than are required to fill the offices, they shall run in groups."

Under the old law, if there were three or four, or more, candidates for Representative in the Legislature, their names appeared on the ticket in alphabetical order and the voter was instructed to vote for any two of his choice.

The "Group" system differs. Here is the way it will work in Putnam county:

At present there are three candidates for Representative, viz. Henry S. McKenzie, W. G. Tilghman and W. A. Russell. Two are to be elected.

Mr. Tilghman and Mr. Russell have qualified to run in Group 1. Mr. McKenzie in Group 2.

Unless some one comes out against Mr. McKenzie by the 16th inst., he will be certified as the nominee without going on the ticket, as the law provides.

Under the old system the names of the candidates would have appeared thus:

For Representatives—Vote for Two.

HENRY S. MCKENZIE

W. A. RUSSELL

W. G. TILGHMAN

Under the new law the ticket will read:

For Representative—Group 1, Vote for One

W. A. RUSSELL

W. G. TILGHMAN

For Representative—Group 2—Vote for One

HENRY S. MCKENZIE.

In case, however, as stated above, if no one comes out against Mr. McKenzie, that gentleman will not be required to go before the people. He is the nominee under law.

In group one the evil of the system is seen in the fact a number of people in the county may have made up their minds to vote for both Messrs. Russell and Tilghman. Under this group system they are not allowed to do so, as under the old system would have been their privilege. They can only vote for one. If any one comes out against Mr. McKenzie, the case would be the same; they could vote for but one, even though they might prefer both the candidates in group 2.

The system ROBS THE VOTER OF HIS FREEDOM OF CHOICE. It is therefore a VICIOUS, UNDEMOCRATIC system.

For the past six weeks Messrs. McKenzie and Russell have sought to secure Mr. Tilghman's consent to a discarding of this "group" system in the coming primary.

Legal advice was obtained to the effect that if "all three candidates by MUTUAL AGREEMENT arranged to run in the old manner, there would be no one to contest the matter and therefore the ones receiving the highest votes would be given the nomination."

A great many counties of the state have declined to accept the group system and their candidates are running in the old way. Why not Putnam?

Simply because Mr. Tilghman will not consent.

In the presence of several gentlemen some two weeks ago, Mr. Tilghman, when making his final decision not to enter this agreement with Messrs. McKenzie and Russell, said: "No, it may be a bad law, and I guess it is, but I helped to make it and I feel that I must follow it."

One of the gentlemen who was standing by remarked: "But, Mr. Tilghman, the law is unfair; it is unjust to the voter; many of them will not be able to understand it; some may vote for two men in one group, in which case their vote would be thrown out."

Mr. Tilghman replied: "If you will let me have a moment I will explain the law to you—"

"Oh, I understand it all right," replied the gentleman, "but many will not, especially the careless voter. The law was not made for the voter's benefit, and if you understood it Mr. Tilghman, why did you vote for it?"

"Well, it's the law," again replied Mr. Tilghman, and I can't help it now, and I am going to follow it."

Later at least two of these gentlemen roundly condemned Mr. Tilghman for voting for the law, and especially for his unreasonable attitude. Messrs. McKenzie and Russell waited several days longer, hoping Mr. Tilghman, in the interest of the voters, might recede from his position and consent to a free-for-all race. Finally they were obliged to give it up and will therefore follow the group system.

When the time for final decision came, Mr. McKenzie sent Mr. Russell the following note:

"Dear Mr. Russell: "Inasmuch as Mr. Tilghman has steadfastly refused to go into the 'gentleman's agreement' relative to making the legislative race without going into the Group arrangement, I have decided to enter Group 2, as

## LIBRARY CONTEST AROUSES INTEREST

The advertisement announcing that the Palatka News together with some merchants and business firms were going to give away one hundred and two volumes and four sections of book cases created much comment among the members of many churches, lodges, schools and societies. Very many inquired how they could best organize a campaign for procuring votes. Our advice to them and others is this: "concentrate your forces." First cut out the free coupon appearing in the Palatka News each week; second see that your parents and friends patronize the merchants and business firms listed on the contest advertisement.

The library and case are now on display at the Fearnside Clothing Co., and we invite the best critic to pass judgment on the class of books chosen by the contest managers for Palatka. The one reason for displaying the books from the first day of the contest to the last is that we know it will inspire confidence in any and all contestants who enter the race.

Watch this paper for results of all votes polled by contestants. The standing of all organizations will be published every week during the contest. Who will win? What's the answer? None can tell, so let us all wait and watch developments. We are going to witness a campaign for votes on this contest which will surprise the most skeptical. The lowest in the column still have a chance in the next twelve weeks.

BE A BOOSTER. If not a subscriber to the Palatka News, get on the list now. Also get acquainted with the merchants and business firms who have made it possible for some, church, lodge school or other organization to own and be the proud possessor of this fine collection of one hundred and two volumes and four sections of book cases. Patronize these merchants, that is all they ask. They will give you the votes free.

Messrs. Will N. Walton, C. H. Price and R. M. Coleman the official judges, counted the votes again this week and submit the following:

Palatka High School	28,237
Palatka Public Library	24,248
B. P. O. E.	1,802
K. of P.	1,508
M. W. of A.	1,250
I. O. O. F.	1,235
Presbyterian Church	290
W. O. W.	2
Red Men	19,329
Catholic Church	8,337
Moose Club	7,513
Woman's Club	13,041
Hastings High School	20,281
Baptist Church	10,691
M. E. Church	7,043

### Grandin People to Picnic.

The good people of Grandin will give an all day picnic in the grove near Grandin station, next Wednesday, May 17th. It will be a basket picnic, and the tables will be set out under the trees.

Invitations have been sent to the people in all the surrounding country and the prospects are that it will be an immense gathering of old-time character and that neighbors and friends will meet and enjoy a day's visit who have not seen each other in some time. The people of Grandin know how to entertain, and they are preparing to use their full knowledge on this occasion.

Various county candidates will be present, and if possible one or more of the Congressional candidates. All who wish will be allowed time to make short addresses. Don't forget the place and date. AND DON'T MISS IT.

originally selected, and will forward my papers to Tallahassee accordingly. I regret that our original proposition for a free-for-all race, which you and I have tried so consistently to have, has been made impossible by the refusal of the third party to so enter. I expect to be out of town for a couple days, hence I am dropping you this line. Yours very truly, HENRY S. MCKENZIE."

This is a truthful story of the final refusal of Mr. Tilghman to enter the usual free-for-all race, and is told without any attempt to enlarge or magnify the attitude of Mr. Tilghman. It is the story of how Putnam county democrats are now to be compelled to vote under the group system for Representatives in the legislature, a system that has robbed them of that freedom of choice in the selection of candidates that is their due.

These voters will be able to see that it is a most UNDEMOCRATIC SYSTEM, and one the responsibility for which rests alone, in so far as the County of Putnam is concerned, upon the shoulders of Mr. Tilghman, who was the only representative from this county to vote for it.

There were present and taking part in the conversation above related, as well as listeners, such representative men and citizens as Dr. Geo. E. Welch, president of the Putnam National Bank; Mr. R. C. Middleton, business man and capitalist of Crescent City; Mr. H. A. Perry, a grove owner and well-known citizen of Pomona, and Hon. A. V. Long, States Attorney, and others, either of all of whom we believe will vouch for the absolute truthfulness of the statements above made. (Signed) W. A. RUSSELL.